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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	10/731,501	KOSHIBA ET AL. <i>CH</i>
	Examiner	Art Unit
	Jerry Martin Blevins	2883

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 2 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-33 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) 1-33 is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 10 December 2003 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	Paper No(s)/Mail Date: _____
3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>08/11/2004</u>	5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
	6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

The drawings are objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5) because they include the following reference character not mentioned in the description: Figure 6, element 52. Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d), or an amendment to the specification to add the reference character in the description in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(b) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the examiner does not accept the changes, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Specification

The title of the invention is not descriptive. A new title is required that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed.

The following title is suggested:

Multiple Cladding Dispersion Compensating Optical Fiber.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-33 are allowed. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Regarding independent Claims 1 and 33, the best representation of prior art, US Patent to Hasagawa, et al, number 6636677, teaches an optical fiber comprising a core and a plurality of three or more concentric cladding layers which include a main silica based medium and a sub region of air voids. However, Hasagawa, either alone or in combination with the other prior art of record, does not disclose nor render obvious the teaching that the concentric cladding layers have indices of refraction that decrease from layer to layer moving radially outward away from the core.

Regarding dependent Claims 2-13, 20-26, 31, and 32, Hasagawa does not teach the limitations of the base Claim 1, nor does Hasagawa, either alone or in combination with the other prior art of record, teach all the further limitations as set forth in the above dependent claims.

Regarding independent Claims 14-19, Hasagawa teaches an optical fiber comprising a core region and a cladding region. However, Hasagawa, either alone or in combination with the other prior art of record, does not disclose nor render obvious the various dispersion limitations set forth in the above independent claims.

Regarding dependent Claims 27-30, Hasagawa does not teach all the limitations set forth in the base claims, nor does Hasagawa, either alone or in combination with the other prior art of record, teach the various transmission loss limitations set forth in the above dependent claims.

Any comments considered necessary by the applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

The prior art made of record is considered pertinent to the applicant's disclosure:

US Patent to Klienerman, number 5,363,463,

US Patent to Takeuchi, et al, number 5,841,926,

US Patent to Danziger, et al, number 6434311 B1,

US Patent to Hasagawa, et al number 6636677 B2,

US Pre Grant Publication to Hasagawa, et al, number 2001/0055455 A1, and

US Pre Grant Publication to Libori, et al, number 2004/0071423 A1.

Conclusion

This application is in condition for allowance except for the following formal matters:

1. The drawings include a reference character, element 52 of Figure 6, which is not disclosed in the specification.
2. The title of the disclosure is not descriptive.

Prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

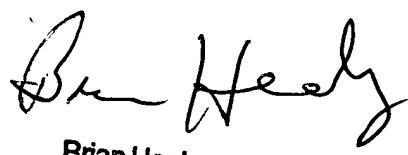
A shortened statutory period for reply to this action is set to expire **TWO MONTHS** from the mailing date of this letter.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jerry Martin Blevins whose telephone number is (571) 272-8581. The examiner can normally be reached Monday through Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Frank Font can be reached at (571) 272-2415. The fax number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

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